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SUBJECT: CZECHS: STILL NO POSITION ON UN DECLARATION OF
RIGHTS FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

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Poloff met June 2 with Jan Kara, Czech MFA's Director of the UN Department, to discuss the draft UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (ref A). Kara confirmed that the Czechs neither support nor oppose the draft Declaration, as stated previously by Veronika Stromsikova, Czech MFA's Director of the Human Rights Department (ref B). Kara said the Czechs have neither the experience nor the expertise to formulate a position on indigenous rights, and therefore plan to support the EU common position on the issue. However, the Czechs will consider the issue further if the EU member states fail to agree on a common position. Kara added that he thought the arguments made by the U.S. and its partners against the draft Declaration were well-supported.
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